



## Government Information & Official Publications Section (GIOPS)



### Annual Reports, 2011-2013

#### Scope

The Section promotes the discovery, collection, bibliographic control, preservation and dissemination of information from and about governments, inter-governmental organizations and public nongovernmental organizations.

#### Membership

The section currently has 17 standing committee members and 2 corresponding members. Section membership stands at 96 members, including personal members.

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## Activities, 2012-2013

- Two members completed their terms on the Standing Committee in Singapore: David Oldenkamp and Narios Mpholefole. We thank them for their work and support.
- Ten new members were welcomed to the Standing Committee to serve through 2015: David Chikvaidze, Kay Cassell, Alexander Chentsov, Caterina Fasella, Susan Paterson, Shadi Matsemela, Geoff Swindells, Jamilya Talibzadeh, Richelle Van Snellenberg, and Iain Watt. Satendra Singh Dhaka is continuing with his second term on the Standing Committee. Two new corresponding members, Ava M. Iuliano and Kris Kasianovitz, were recruited to help with correspondence and digital initiatives.
- Section membership now stands at 96 members from forty-one countries. Discussions for new association and institutional recruitment strategies are ongoing. Several new associations were added in 2013.
- Recruitment for new standing committee members was very successful with total SC membership now standing at seventeen, up from nine in 2011. This was a significant accomplishment as the section was put on probation in 2011 due to the lack of the required number of Standing Committee members.
- We undertook a significant revision of the GIOPS web site, adding standing committee member photographs and new categories of information and social media, including a GIOPS logo, a blog (<http://blogs.ifla.org/giops/>) and twitter account [https://twitter.com/IFLA\\_GIOPS](https://twitter.com/IFLA_GIOPS). Much thanks to new member Susan Paterson for creating the Twitter Account and corresponding member Ava M. Iuliano for creating the blog.
- We had a strong response to our call for papers for the GIOPS program at the 79th WLIC in Singapore (*Information for Development Action: Governments, Civil Society and Libraries*). The following papers, featuring eight speakers from six countries (India, South Africa, Ukraine, Romania, Switzerland, and the Philippines) were published:

*Creating bridges to prosperity in the Asia and Pacific Region: the ADB Library Experience.* NELIA R. BALAGAPO (Asian Development Bank Library, Manila, Philippines)

*Government information sources for economic development: a case study of the Institute of Economic Growth Library, India.* P. K. JAIN (Institute of Economic Growth, Library, University of Delhi, Delhi, India), PARVEEN BABBAR (Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, India) and GEETA PALIWAL (University College of Medical Sciences, Dilshad Garden, Delhi, India)

*Including libraries in development strategies.* MATEJ NOVAK (Global Libraries Ukraine at International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)) and PAUL-ANDRE BARAN (Global Libraries Romania at International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)).

*Information for and about development politics and action in Switzerland: a partnership between government and civil society.* AMÉLIE VALLOTTON PREISIG (Alliance Sud Documentation Centre, Lausanne, Switzerland).

*Access and use of libraries and information centres by agricultural researchers and extension workers in Zimbabwe.* TINASHE MUGWISI, DENNIS N. OCHOLLA and JANNEKE MOSTERT (University of Zululand, Richards Bay, South Africa)

*Government information, publications and information dissemination strategies for the future: a case study of DRDO, India.* RAJEEV VIJ (Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), DRDO, Government of India, Delhi, India).

Six of the speakers for the first four papers attended the conference and made presentations (the last two were unable to present due to personal and/or administrative reasons). Over 160 IFLA delegates attended the session which is the highest number of attendees at a GIOPS paper session in many years and was a great success for GIOPS.

- We co-sponsored a panel session with the Government Libraries Section and Law Libraries Section at the 79th WLIC in Singapore the entitled “Government Libraries as Voices for Open Government” which provided an introduction to the topic. The session was open to all IFLA participants. It attracted many participants. Jim Church provided introductions on behalf of GIOPS.
- We increased collaborative efforts with the Government Libraries section, in particular with chair Miguel Navas-Fernandez and Information Coordinator Guillermo Garcia-Capcha who took an active role in coordinating the GIOPS paper session. GIOPS Secretary Jim Church assisted with the planning preparation and selection of panel session discussion topics.
- We drafted a new GIOPS strategic/action plan drafted by standing committee members Kay Cassell (Rutgers University, USA); Jackie Druery (Queen’s University, Canada) and Geoff Swindells (Northwestern University, USA). The strategic plan calls for GIOPS to publish an advocacy document on the importance of maintaining expertise in libraries related to government information, and a guide to best practices for governments and related organizations on digital publishing, access and preservation. The section will investigate the appropriate venue for publication of these documents.
- The results of the 2013 officer’s election were for Satendra Dhaka to continue for a second term as chair and Jim Church to continue for a second term as secretary. Susan Paterson was chosen to succeed Takashi Koga as information coordinator.

## Activities, 2011-2012

- At the first standing committee meeting at the WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico, Satendra Dhaka was elected as chair and Jim Church as secretary. Takashi Koga was chosen to continue as information coordinator
- The 2011 paper session, entitled “e-Government: the role of librarians” was very successful with the fourth paper on the Gov Docs kids group selected for publication in the [March 2012 issue of the IFLA Journal](#). The following papers were presented:
  - **Helping bridge the digital divide in Romania – how IREX’s Biblionet Program and Romania’s public libraries increasingly afford access to e-Government services to digitally excluded citizens**  
*Translations:* [\[Français\]](#)  
PAUL BARAN and SCOTT ANDERSEN (IREX Biblionet Romania, Bucharest, Romania)
  - **The status of ministries' website of Middle Eastern countries in achieving e-Government**  
MOHADDESH DOKHTESMATI (Iranian Research Institute for Information Science and Technology (IRANDOC) Tehran, Iran), MARYAM SABERI (Semnan University, Mahdishahr, Semnan, Iran) and SHIMA MORADI Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran)
  - **Institutional Repository of the Ministry of Education of Argentina: bringing educational management closer to citizenship**  
GRACIELA PERRONE and MARTA GONZÁLEZ DEL VALLE (Biblioteca Nacional de Maestros, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
  - **Gov Docs kids group and free government information**  
*Translations:* [\[Русский\]](#) [\[Español\]](#) [\[中文\]](#)  
TOM ADAMICH (Visiting Library Service, New Philadelphia, OH, USA), MARTHA CHILDERS, KATY DAVIS, JOHN H. FARIA and ANTOINETTE W. SATTERFIELD (USA)
- GIOPS did not sponsor a paper session at the WLIC 2012 but supported and helped plan the Government Libraries Section (GLS) 2012 paper session: *The Surprising World of Government Libraries: trends and prospect of new user services*. The papers presented were:
  - **Access to digital case law in the United States: a historical perspective**  
*Translations:* [\[中文\]](#) XIAOHUA ZHU (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA)
  - **The United States Federal Depository Library Program: been here since 1813 and determined to be here as long as the people need government information to participate fully as citizens** *Translations:* [\[Español\]](#). STEPHANIE GANIC BRAUNSTEIN (Regional Federal Depository Library, Louisiana State University, Louisiana, USA), KAY CASSELL (Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA), REGINA BEARD (Kansas State University, Kansas, USA) and ANTOINETTE SATTERFIELD (United States Naval Academy, Maryland, USA)
  - **Government libraries in Greece: current situation and future considerations**  
*Translations:* [\[Français\]](#) [\[Español\]](#). MARIA MONOPOLI (Library Section, Bank of Greece, Athens, Greece) and ANNA MASTORA (Secretariat General of Information and Communication & Mass Media, Athens, Greece)
  - **Finnish government libraries - what's next?**. JOHANNA MELTTI (Ministry of Justice, Tampere, Finland)

The session was also sponsored by the Law Libraries and Library and Research Services for Parliaments sections.

- The GLS publication *Guidelines for libraries of Government Departmental Libraries* was translated by GLS members into French and Hindi. GIOPS administrative fund (400 euros) were used to help compensate the translators.
- At the first Standing Committee meeting in Helsinki there was discussion and debate about the future direction of GIOPS and the potential for a merger with GLS due to low standing committee membership and participation. Frank Kirkwood, former GIOPS chair, provided background and advice about recruitment tactics. He offered advice on recruitment, including contacting outgoing members of related committees and contacting GIOPS institutional and association member list in advance of IFLA elections.
- Secretary/Treasurer Jim Church attended the GLS second standing committee section and to meet and with GLS officers. He and chair Satendra also attended the meetings of the Leadership Brief and Division Leadership forum, where chair of Division I, Russell Lynch provided guidelines for creation and/or revision of section strategic plans.